Commission on Sustainability Energy & Air Working Group Community Conversation Meeting Report

Date: Tuesday, July 17th 4pm. 1-888-232-6300. Access code: 076731#

Subject: Energy & Air Working Group Conference Call

In Attendance: Thomas Boyle, Earl Millett, Davis Bookhart, Alan Cohen, John Quinn, Lynn Heller, Beth Harber, Sarah Zaleski

Discussion: The call began with a recap of the July 15th Community Conversation. A desire for a higher and more diverse turn-out at the August community meeting was expressed. The group agreed to increase efforts to reach out to more people for the August meeting. We then went through the goals and worked to incorporate the feedback of the July 15th meeting.

Topics addressed:

- Air Quality
 - o Should we include "mitigate air pollution adverse health effects"? Yes.
 - o Consider a statement about targeting air quality in worst areas?
- Climate Change
 - o Change "Baltimore Metropolitan Area" to "Baltimore"
 - Add: "Work aggressively with neighboring jurisdictions to reduce regional GHG emissions"
- Economic Development
 - o Strategies may inform goals
- Supply-side
 - o To include renewable energy or not? Include.
 - No need to include distributed generation
- Demand-side
 - o Change "ensure" to "encourage"
 - O How to address affordability?
 - o Encourage universal, affordable access to energy
 - o Add reducing peak demand as goal (with immediate footnote explaining what this is)
- Overarching goals:
 - o Let education stay as its own goal
 - o Ensuring equity
 - o Rename category to "Principles" to act as a self-check?

Upcoming Events:

- BRESCO tour, Tuesday, July 22th 10:30 am
- July Commission on Sustainability meeting, Tuesday, July 22th 4pm at the Baltimore City Department of Planning (417 E. Fayette St. 8th Floor)
- Next EA WG Working Meeting, Thursday, July 24th 3:30-5:30 pm at the Abell Foundation (Gallery building at 111 S. Calvert Street, 23rd Floor)
- August Community Conversation, Tuesday, August 19th 6pm at the Baltimore City Department of Planning (417 E. Fayette St. 8th Floor)